

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated March 31, 2010.

Claims 8 and 21 are amended; claims 1-7, 15-20, and 29 were previously canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer by the Applicant; as a result, claims 8-14 and 21-28 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the learned Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification page 9 lines 8-15 and page 14 lines 9-16.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 8-14 and 21-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2008/0134286 by Amdur et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,072,875 to Tsudik and U.S. Patent Number 5,774,551 to Wu et al. Obviousness requires that each and every element be taught or suggested in the proposed combination of references.

The proposed combination does not in any way show or suggest that "the service contract is derived from an identity configuration for the principal and the identity configuration represents aggregated access policies and attributes for the principal with respect to the resource and all known services that are available to the principal." *Emphasis added.*

That is, there is no teaching or suggestion of a teaching in the proposed combination where an identify configuration represents aggregated policies and attributes for all known services available to the principal.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have equally addressed every assertion made in the Office Action; however, this does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record is relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

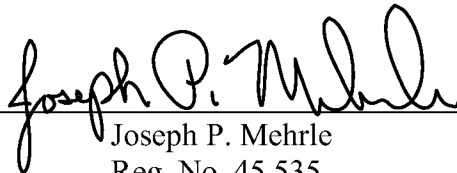
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